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ABBAS *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/903,508

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For: **Transformation Systems for
Flavinogenic Yeast**

Art Unit: 1645

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Information Disclosure Statement

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following, in regard to non-English language documents AL1, AN1 and AR15 cited on Form PTO 1449:

Document AL1, WO 95/26406, is in a foreign language. AL1 is believed to disclose the DNA sequences corresponding to six genes for riboflavin biosynthesis from *Ashbya gossypii*. An English language abstract of document AL1 is attached as document AS3.

Document AN1, WO 99/61623, is in a foreign language. AN1 is believed to disclose the DNA sequences corresponding to three genes for riboflavin synthesis from *Ashbya gossypii* and a method for increasing riboflavin production in *Ashbya gossypii*. An English language abstract of document AN1 is attached as document AR3.

Document AR4 is in a foreign language. Document AR4 is believed to disclose a thermostable riboflavin kinase in *Pichia guilliermondii* yeast. An English language abstract appears at the end of the article.

Document AS7 is in a foreign language. Document AS7 is believed to disclose the cloning of the *Pichia guilliermondii* riboflavin synthase gene. An English language abstract appears at the end of the article.

Document AS8 is in a foreign language. Document AS8 is believed to disclose transformation of *Hansenula polymorpha*, *Pichia guilliermondii* and *Williopsis saturnus* by a plasmid containing the *S. cerevisiae* ADE2 gene. An English language abstract appears at the end of the article.

Document AT10 is in a foreign language. Document AT10 is believed to disclose a flavinogenous mutant of the yeast *Pichia guilliermondii* with damaged transport of iron. An English language abstract appears at the end of the article.

Document AT11 is in a foreign language. Document AT11 is believed to disclose detection of cryptic riboflavin permease in *Pichia guilliermondii* yeast. An English language abstract appears at the end of the article.

Document AR12 is in a foreign language. Document AR12 is believed to disclose the effect of glucose and its derivatives on systems of riboflavin uptake and excretion in *Pichia guilliermondii* yeast. An English language abstract appears at the end of the article.

Document AS12 is in a foreign language. Document AS12 is believed to disclose inhibition of alkaline phosphatase I of *Pichia guilliermondii* yeast *in vitro* and *in vivo*. An English language abstract appears at the end of the article.

Document AT14 is in a foreign language. Document AT14 is believed to disclose the development of cloning and expression transformation systems for nonconventional yeasts. An English language abstract appears at the end of the article.

Document AR15 is in a foreign language. AR15 is believed to disclose methods for genetically transforming the flavinogenic yeasts *Pichia guilliermondii* and *Candida famata*. An English translation of document AR15 is attached as document AS15.

Document AS16 is in a foreign language. Document AS16 is believed to disclose the cloning of the RIB1 gene coding for the enzyme of the first stage of flavinogenesis in *Pichia guilliermondii* yeast and GTP cyclohydrolase in *E. coli* cells. An English language abstract appears at the end of the article.

Document AT16 is in a foreign language. Document AT16 is believed to disclose the respiration system of *Pichia guilliermondii* yeast at different levels of flavinogenesis. An English language abstract appears at the end of the article.

Document AR17 is in a foreign language. Document AR17 is believed to disclose the respiration system of *Pichia guilliermondii* yeast at different levels of flavinogenesis. An English language abstract appears at the end of the article.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not an issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

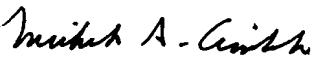
This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

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	AB1	4,794,081	12/27/1988	Kawai et al.	435	66	08/21/1984
	AC1	4,808,537	02/28/1989	Stroman et al.	435	6	10/30/1984
	AD1	4,837,148	06/06/1989	Cregg, J.M.	435	172.3	10/30/1984
	AE1	4,855,231	08/08/1989	Stroman et al.	435	68	09/25/1985
	AF1	4,879,231	11/07/1989	Stroman et al.	435	172.3	10/30/1984
	AG1	4,882,279	11/21/1989	Cregg, J.M.	435	172.3	10/25/1985
	AH1	4,885,242	12/05/1989	Cregg, J.M.	435	68	10/30/1984
	AI1	4,925,794	05/15/1990	Isogai et al.	435	91	12/11/1985
	AJ1	4,929,555	05/29/1990	Cregg et al.	435	172.3	10/19/1987
	AK1	4,935,350	06/19/1990	Patel et al.	435	69.4	11/18/1985

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	AM1	EP 0 967 287 A2	12/29/1999	Europe			Yes No
	AN1	WO 99/61623	12/02/1999	WIPO			Yes X No
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AR	1	Becker, D.M., and Guarente, L., "High-Efficiency Transformation of Yeast by Electroporation," <i>Meth. Enzymol.</i> 194:182-187, Academic Press, Inc. (1991).
AS	1	Birnboim, H.C., and Doly, J., "A rapid alkaline extraction procedure for screening recombinant plasmid DNA," <i>Nucl. Acids Res.</i> 7:1513-1523, Oxford University Press (1979).
AT	1	Boretsky, Y., et al., "Identification of an ARS element and development of a high efficiency transformation system for <i>Pichia guilliermondii</i> ," <i>Curr. Genet.</i> 36:215-221, Springer-Verlag (October 1999).

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	AB2	4,943,529	07/24/1990	Van den Berg et al.	435	172.3	07/28/1987
	AC2	4,990,446	02/05/1991	Oberto et al.	435	69.1	12/05/1985
	AD2	4,997,767	03/05/1991	Nozaki et al.	435	320.1	12/23/1986
	AE2	5,041,384	08/20/1991	Wilson et al.	435	255	05/30/1990
	AF2	5,118,625	06/02/1992	Aiba et al.	435	255	12/16/1988
	AG2	5,120,655	06/09/1992	Foster et al.	435	255	06/05/1987
	AH2	5,126,248	06/30/1992	Matsuyama et al.	435	66	08/11/1989
	AI2	5,135,868	08/04/1992	Cregg, J.M.	435	255	09/01/1989
	AJ2	5,164,303	11/17/1992	Heefner et al.	435	66	02/15/1990
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AR	2	Cannon, R.D., et al., "Isolation and nucleotide sequence of an autonomously replicating sequence (ARS) element functional in <i>Candida albicans</i> and <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> ," <i>Mol. Gen. Genet.</i> 221:210-218, Springer-Verlag (1990).
AS	2	Clyne, R.K., and Kelly, T.J., "Genetic analysis of an ARS element from the fission yeast <i>Schizosaccharomyces pombe</i> ," <i>EMBO J.</i> 14:6348-6357, Oxford University Press (1995).
AT	2	Cregg, J.M., et al., "Pichia pastoris as a Host System for Transformations," <i>Mol. Cell. Biol.</i> 5:3376-3385, American Society for Microbiology (1985).

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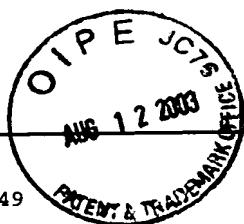
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	AD3	5,334,510	08/02/1994	Usui et al.	435	66	09/09/1992
	AE3	5,460,949	10/24/1995	Saunders et al.	435	55	10/28/1991
	AF3	5,589,355	12/31/1996	Koizumi et al.	435	66	06/06/1995
	AG3	5,665,600	09/09/1997	Hagenson et al.	435	320.1	09/18/1991
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	AT	3	Faber, K.N., et al., "Highly-efficient electrotransformation of the yeast <i>Hansenula polymorpha</i> ," <i>Curr. Genet.</i> 25:305-310, Springer-Verlag (1994).

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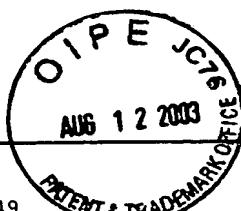
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	AC4	5,854,039	12/29/1998	Raymond et al.	435	172.3	07/14/1997
	AD4	5,866,404	02/02/1999	Bradshaw et al.	435	252.33	12/06/1996
	AE4	5,871,957	02/16/1999	Kawasaki et al.	435	69.1	08/22/1994
	AF4	5,891,672	04/06/1999	Wang et al.	435	69.1	11/25/1997
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	AH4	5,932,701	08/03/1999	Black et al.	530	350	11/25/1997
	AI4	6,017,728	01/25/2000	Black et al.	435	69.1	11/25/1997
	AJ4	6,146,866	11/14/2000	Viitanen et al.	435	193	10/28/1998
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AS	4	Fedorovych, D., et al., "Hexavalent chromium stimulation of riboflavin synthesis in flavinogenic yeast," <i>Biometals</i> 14:23-31, Kluwer Academic Publishers (March 2001).
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AR	5	Kasüske, A., et al., "Efficient Electropulse Transformation of Intact <i>Candida maltosa</i> Cells by Different Homologous Vector Plasmids," <i>Yeast</i> 8:691-697, John Wiley & Sons (1992).
AS	5	Klinner, U., et al., "Hybridization of <i>Pichia guilliermondii</i> by Protoplast Fusion," in <i>Advances in Protoplast Research: Proceedings of the 5th International Protoplast Symposium</i> , Ferenczy, L. and G.L. Farkas, eds., Pergamon Press, pp.113-118 (1980).
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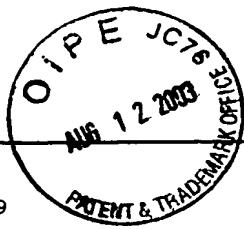
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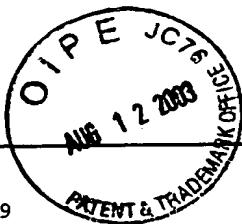
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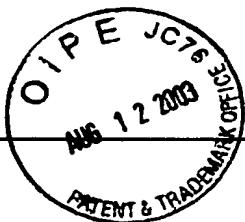
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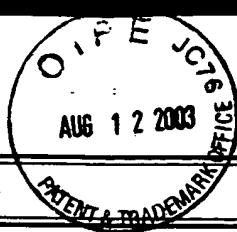
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following, concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document AO1 cited on Form PTO 1449:

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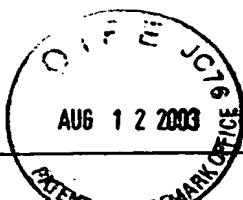
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